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LOAN TO FARMERS BY PRIVATE BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made any assessment in regard to the loans provided by private sector banks to the, farmers ;

(b) if so, the percentage of loans provided by the public as well as private sector banks during the first half of the year; and

(c) the number of farmers provided loans by banks during the current year so far, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b) : The flow of credit to Agriculture by Commercial Banks including Private Sector Banks is monitored by the Government on a continuous basis. The flow of credit to Agriculture and Allied Activities by Public Sector Banks and Private Sector Banks during the period 1st April to 30th September 2005 is as under:

	Total Disbursement (Rs.crore)	Percentage to Total
Public Sector Banks	27,838	56.9%
Private Sector Banks	9.8%	33.3%
Total	83,502	100%

(c) : State-wise data relating to number of farmers financed is not readily available. However, 68.72 lakh farmers have been financed by public sector and private sector commercial banks during 2005-06 (1 April to 30 September 2005)